Gentlemen

As you must have received my Letter this Morning I need not repeat any of the Transactions of yesterday. I have had no direct Accounts from Princeton this Morning but from the straggling Soldiers & indirect Intelligence I understand that my Proposals have been generally acceptable — they only think it is not quite explicit as to those who received 120 Dollars which was a Bounty given by Congress to those whose Times were near expiring & engaged again for the War. I understand they give up the 20 Dollar Men & that it now seems agreed to march to Trenton tomorrow Morning if ordered — which I think will not be withheld under all Circumstances. I therefore hope that Mr Nelson & Mr Stewart will make Preparation. They drew Rations yesterday for 2000 Men but they have not more than 1500 I doubt whether so many. A Letter similar to the former & wrapp'd up in Shot Lead was dropp'd this Morning before the Door where the Sergeants meet, which they delivered to Gen Wayne. They kept the Spies of yesterday in close Prison but have not settled their Fate. This Oppty offering I thought it might be agreeable to the Committee to know the Intelligence of the Day. in the afternoon I shall doubtless hear officially — I have dispatched 3 of the Light Horse toward South Amboy for Intelligence. at present we have no Accounts from the Enemy of any kind but the Weather is very favourable to such a Movement —

I am with much Respect & Esteem

Gentn. Your Obed. Hble

Serv. Jos. Reed

Hd Qrs — Maidenhead
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